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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 In Compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 290 and/or 15 U.S.C. § 1116 you are hereby advised that a court action has been ☐ Trademarks: filed in the U.S. District Court ___ OREGON on the following X Patents or DOCKET NO. DATE FILED U.S. DISTRICT COURT 08-cv-1340 KI 11/13/08 OREGON PLAINTIFF DEFENDANT Saris Cycling Group, Inc. Yakima Products, Inc. a Wisconsin corporation a Delaware corporation PATENT OR DATE OF PATENT HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK TRADEMARK NO. OR TRADEMARK See complaint 5,056,700 6,431,423 6,467,664 6,840,418 In the above-entitled case, the following patent(s)/ trademark(s) have been included: DATE INCLUDED INCLUDED BY Amendment ☐ Answer Cross Bill ☐ Other Pleading PATENT OR DATE OF PATENT HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK TRADEMARK NO. OR TRADEMARK 2 3 5 In the above-entitled case, the following decision has been rendered or judgement issued: DECISION/JUDGEMENT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

YAKIMA PRODUCTS, INC., a Delaware corporation, Plaintiff,	08-cv-13 4 0 K No
v. SARIS CYCLING GROUP, INC., a Wisconsin corporation,	COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
Defendant.	

For its complaint, Plaintiff Yakima Products, Inc. alleges against Defendant Saris Cycling Group, Inc. as follows:

THE PARTIES

 Plaintiff Yakima Products, Inc. ("Yakima") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 15025 SW Koll Parkway, Beaverton, Oregon 97006.

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 Defendant Saris Cycling Group, Inc. ("Saris"), upon information and belief, is a Wisconsin corporation, having a principal place of business at 5253 Verona Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53711.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because the claim for patent infringement arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.
- This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the parties are of diverse citizenship and the value of the matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000.
- On information and belief, Defendant is engaged in conducting business in the state
 of Oregon in connection with the allegations of this suit and is subject to personal jurisdiction in
 this district.
- 6. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(2) and (c), and 1400(b) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred in Oregon.

BACKGROUND

- Yakima designs, makes, and sells bicycle and rooftop automobile racks, rooftop cargo boxes, and other related accessories.
- 8. Yakima owns U.S. Patent No. 5,056,700 (the '700 patent), attached as Exhibit 1, covering automobile mountable bicycle carriers as defined in the claims of the patent. The '700 patent was filed on September 29, 1989, was fully examined, and was issued on October 15, 1991.
- 9. Yakima owns U.S. Patent No. 6,431,423 (the '423 patent), attached as Exhibit 2, covering assemblies for carrying a bicycle on a vehicle as defined in the claims of the patent. The '423 patent was filed on May 17, 2000, was fully examined, and was issued on August 13, 2002.

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- 10. Yakima owns U.S. Patent No. 6,467,664 (the '664 patent), attached as Exhibit 3, covering bicycle carriers as defined in the claims of the patent. The '664 patent was filed on September 10, 2001, was fully examined, and was issued on October 22, 2002.
- 11. Yakima owns U.S. Patent No. 6,840,418 (the '418 patent), attached as Exhibit 4, covering bicycle carriers as defined in the claims of the patent. The '418 patent was filed on September 25, 2002, was fully examined, and was issued on January 11, 2005.
- 12. Yakima has marked its bicycle racks and assemblies with the U.S. Patent Nos. 5,056,700; 6,431,423; 6,467,664; and 6,840,418 (collectively, "the Yakima patents").

INFRINGEMENT OF THE YAKIMA PATENTS

- 13. Yakima incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs.
- 14. On information and belief, Defendant is making, using, offering for sale, and selling, and inducing others to make, use, offer for sale, and sell, bicycle carriers and assemblies that infringe the Yakima patents, including the T-Rax and Guardian 2 and 3, and contributing to infringement by others of the Yakima patents, without authorization from Yakima, all in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, causing damages to Yakima including, without limitation, lost profits.
- On information and belief, Defendant has been aware of the Yakima patents, and this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285.
- 16. Unless restrained by this Court, Defendant's infringement of the Yakima patents will continue. Yakima has been and will continue to be irreparably injured by this infringement.
 - 17. Yakima is entitled to relief provided by 35 U.S.C. §§ 281, 283, 284, and 285.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Yakima demands this Court to enter judgment against Defendant and its subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, granting the following relief:

- A. A decree that Defendant has infringed the Yakima patents;
- B. A preliminary and permanent injunction prohibiting and enjoining further infringement of the Yakima patents pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283;
- C. An accounting against Defendant for an amount adequate to compensate for the infringement of the Yakima patents, including profits lost by Yakima as a result of infringement of the Yakima patents pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284; in any event, Yakima shall be awarded no less than a reasonable royalty for the unauthorized use of the claimed inventions in the Yakima patents by Defendant;
- D. An award of reasonable attorney fees against Defendant, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
 - E. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Yakima hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2008.

Respectfully,

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